S. RES. 464

Relating to refundable tax credits for municipalities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 11, 2004

Mrs. Boxer submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Relating to refundable tax credits for municipalities.

- Whereas the Senate today passed a free standing measure which is designed to address tax relief issues relating to Reservists and National Guardsmen;
- Whereas one of the provisions of the package provides tax relief to employers of Reservists and National Guardsmen;
- Whereas the employer provision is targeted to businesses and tax paying entities;
- Whereas state and local governments are facing budgetary pressures, particularly with regard to homeland security;
- Whereas many local first responders have been called to active duty in the National Guard and Reserves, and many state and local governments have continued to pay their salaries, thus increasing the budgetary pressure on state and local governments;

Whereas the Senate recognized this pressure by including in the FSC–ETI bill a provision to compensate state and local governments for closing the pay gap of first responders who are called to active duty in the National Guard and Reserves: Now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved, That it is the Sense of the Senate that—

- (1) the Senate should reiterate its support for reimbursing state and local governments for closing the pay gap for first responders who are called to active duty in the National Guard and Reserves by considering expanding the employer tax relief provisions to cover state and local governments; and
 - (2) the President should consider including such a proposal in his Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Submission.

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